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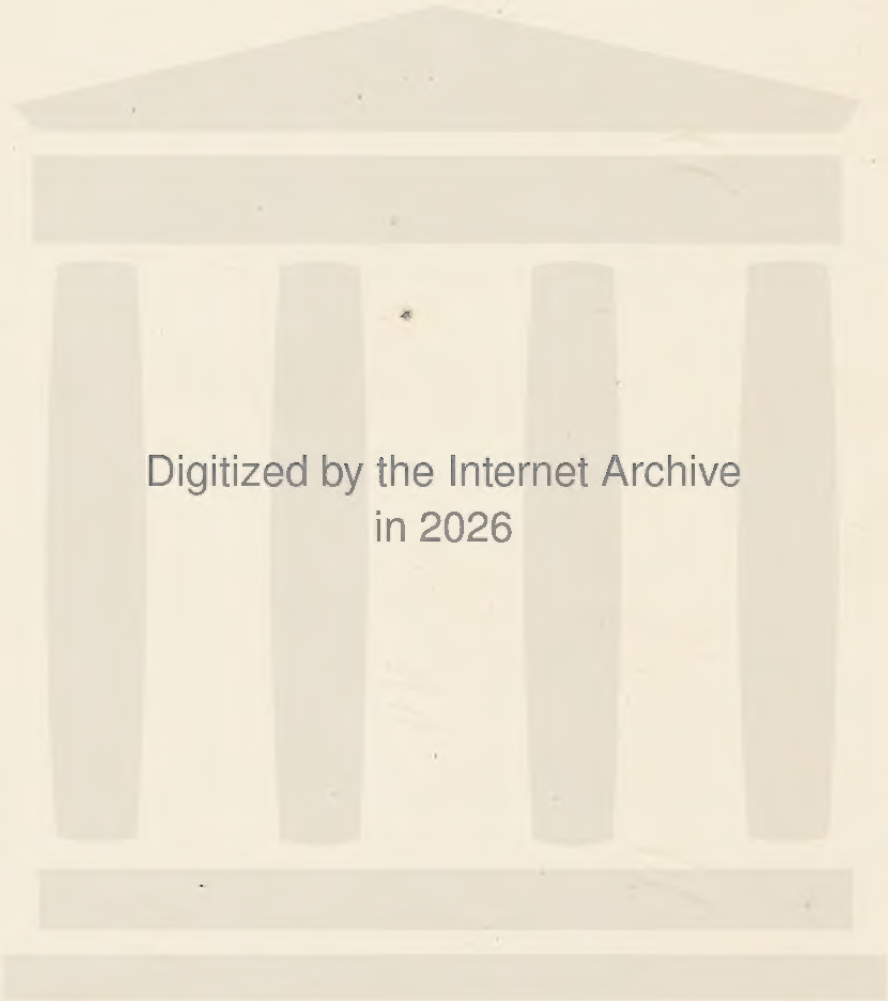
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The Pilgrim Covenant

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THESE people "as ye Lord's free people, joyned themselves (by a covenant of the Lord) in ye fellowship of ye gospell, to walke in all his wayes, made known, or to be made known unto them, according to their best endeavours, whatsoever it should cost them, the Lord assisting them. And that it cost them something this ensuing historie will declare."

Governor Bradford's History of Plimouth Colony.

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PLIMOUTH A. D. 1676.

AFTER prayer for God's direction and blessing in so solemn a matter, a church covenant was read, and the church voted that it should be left on record as that which they did owne to be the substance of that covenant which their fathers entered into at the first gathering of the church, which was in these words following : —

"In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ & in obedience to His holy will and divine ordinances :

"We being by the most wise & good Providence of God brought together in this place — & desirous to unite ourselves into one congregation or church under the Lord Jesus Christ, our Head — that it may be in such sort as becometh all those whom he hath redeemed & sanctified to himself. — We do hereby solemnly & religiously (as in his most holy presence) avouch the Lord Jehovah the only true God to be our God & doe promise & binde ourselves to walke in all our wayes, according to the Rule of the gospel — & in all sincere conformity to His holy ordinances — & in mutual love to, and watchfulness over one another — depending wholy & only upon the Lord our God to enable us by his grace hereunto."

The Records of the First Church.

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Services
Of Christian Worship

The First Service

OPENING SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the minister.

THE Lord is in his holy temple : let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord is nigh unto all that call upon him, to all that call upon him in truth.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning. O Lord, in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together : for with him is the fountain of life, and in his light shall we see light.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, in communion with thy saints in all ages, the living and the dead, with patriarchs and prophets, apostles and martyrs, we who are the daily recipients of thy bounty, and who are set to do thy will in this generation, offer to thee our praises and supplications.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, and grant us such help as thy wisdom may direct.

We humbly ask that thou wouldst reveal to us the beauty of thy perfect will, the gladness of thy service, the power of thy presence in our hearts, that no perplexity create in us an impatient spirit, no temptation lead us into sin, and no sorrow hide thy loving purpose from our sight.

Teach us to feel the need of thy grace in our hearts: to know thy will, and to do it; and to remain faithful wherever our lot is cast.

Calm the turbulence of our passions; quiet the throbbings of our hopes and fears; repress the waywardness of our purposes; and control all our affections.

Strengthen us to bear our trials patiently, and to glorify thee in our daily life.

We beseech thee to bless and sustain the aged, to give strength unto such as are bearing the burden and heat of the day, and to lead all children in the right way. Have compassion on those who are in trouble or sickness, relieve the sufferer, comfort the afflicted, and show thy mercy to the weak and erring.

Lift us into light and love, into purity and blessedness; and give us at last our portion with those who trusted in thee, and were not ashamed.

Take us, O Lord, entirely into thy hands, and let nothing henceforward, either in life or death, come between us and thee. *Amen.*

PRAYER.

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, who by thy Holy Spirit dost govern, direct, and sanctify the hearts of all thy faithful servants, have mercy upon us. Deliver us from evil, and strengthen us in trial and temptation, and grant that we, with all those who strive to live a pure and godly life, may enjoy the peace of a quiet conscience.

We ask thy blessing upon all ranks and classes of men. Endue those in authority

over us with wisdom and understanding, giving them grace to execute justice and to maintain truth. Protect and bless the President of the Republic, and the Governor of this Commonwealth, and all who are elected to make and execute the laws of our beloved country; give thy counsel to judges and officers of courts and assemblies; reward with true success those who labor in our public schools and charities. Establish them in truth and righteousness; make them faithful to every trust reposed in them by the people; and grant that they may serve the nation with honor and integrity. Give peace, in our time, O Lord, and hasten the coming of that kingdom, proclaimed by thy Son in which peace and good-will shall prevail among men and nations. Save us from desolating wars, from vain ambitions and foolish desires, and from every conspiracy against the rights and liberties of a free people, and so may thy kingdom come, and thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson.

Psalms for the Day.
The congregation standing.

Prayer.

Hymn by the Choir.

Offertory and Notices.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

The Second Service

OPENING SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the minister.

DRAW nigh unto God, and he will draw nigh unto you. Rejoice in his holy name; let the heart of them that rejoice seek the Lord. Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face for evermore.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary. Thou art the God that doest wonders: thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.

Let us sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving and declare his works with rejoicing. Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive, and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

O GOD, our Heavenly Father, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift; we lift up to thee the voice of ou-

hanksgiving, and remembering thy constant ercy, lay upon the altar of our faith the rvice of a grateful love.

May thy Holy Spirit bring us into thy nearer presence, and help us to stay our souls on hee.

Thou art the Rest of the weary, and the Strength of the strong; thou givest power o the faint, and to them that have no might hou increasest strength.

Keep, we beseech thee, thy church and household continually in thy true religion.

Make us thy obedient children, and heirs of the eternal life revealed to mankind by Jesus Christ, our Lord. Defend us by thy mighty power, that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that we and our children may diligently serve thee, and our generation.

In every tribulation, in all our prosperity, in life and death, O most merciful and loving Father, may we put our trust in thee, and know that thou wilt not leave us, or forsake us.

O God of our salvation, from whom cometh our help, fulfil the best desires of our hearts, and grant that the prayers which we offer to thee may find acceptance in thy sight.

Preserve peace and concord in our families; defend and cherish young children: support those who suffer from the infirmities of age: comfort and help the weak-hearted, and bring back all that have strayed from thy way.

Be a Father to the fatherless, and comfort widows in their affliction, deliver the oppressed, and heal the sick and wounded. Extend thy mercy to prisoners and captives, and to those who suffer from neglect, contempt, and want, and grant that in all their troubles they may put their whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory. *Amen.*

PRAYER.

O GOD, merciful Father, who despisest not the sighing of a contrite heart, nor the desire of such as are sorrowful; mercifully assist our prayers which we make before thee in all our perplexities and adversities, whensoever they oppress us; and graciously hear us, that we, thy servants, may evermore give thanks unto thee, in the faith and spirit of thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson.

Psalms for the Day.
The congregation standing.

Prayer.

Hymn by the Choir.

Offertory and Notices.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

The Third Service

OPENING SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the minister.

WHO shall ascend unto the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place? He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully. He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.

They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles: they shall run and not be weary: they shall walk and not faint.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

O GOD, ever blessed and holy: on us, as we look up to the light of thy countenance, the shadows of shameful re-

membrance fall. We have been slow to the calls of affection, heedless of the duties, hard under the sorrows, which are thy gracious discipline; yet we are oppressed with cares thou layest not on us, with ease thou dost not permit, and wants thou wilt never bless.

O Lord, regard our complaint; it is only against our faithless hearts. Visit us with thy spirit, and lay on us the cross of suffering, if thereby we may be brought to obey thy holy will.

Consecrate with thy presence the way our feet must go, and the humblest work will shine, and the rough places be made plain.

Lift us above unrighteous anger and mistrust, into faith and hope and charity, by a simple and steadfast reliance on thy sure will.

And so may we be modest in our time of wealth, patient under disappointment, ready for danger, serene in death, and confident of everlasting life.

When thou art nigh, we are weary of our selfish desires, our faithless cares, our unresisted temptations.

Wasted moments and bitter words and vain ambitions rise in judgment against us; we lay at thy feet with shame the vows we

have not kept, and the sorrows we have not sanctified.

Chasten us with thy rebuke, seek us with thy pity, recall us by thy grace, ere we are quite estranged from thee.

Fill us with patient tenderness for others, seeing that we also are in the same case before thee; make us ready to help and quick to forgive. Confirm every grace, compose every fear, by a steady trust in thy eternal wisdom, behind the changes of time and the delusions of men. Thou art our Rock: we rest on thee. *Amen.*

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, by whose spirit the living Church of Christ is governed and sanctified, accept our gratitude for all the privileges and blessings of spiritual liberty and communion. Through freedom hast thou brought mankind into light, and delivered thy children from the bondage of ignorance and oppression. Out of darkness didst thou call them into the liberty wherewith Christ hath made them free. Keep us, who are the heirs of a rich inheritance, steadfast and loyal to the

spirit of truth, forsaking nothing that is precious, and receiving with gladness the new revelations, which are continually breaking forth from thy word. Give us the liberality which enlarges the heart and deepens the sympathies, and makes us tolerant and gentle towards those who are faithful to convictions we cannot share; and grant that the church universal may enjoy a ministry which is first pure, and then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. Dispose the hearts of all Christians, of whatever name or creed, to the charity which suffereth long and is kind. Help them to walk with all lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love; endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, thus fulfilling the law of Christ. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson.

Psalms for the Day.

The congregation standing.

Prayer.

Hymn by the Choir.

Offertory and Notices.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

The Fourth Service

OPENING SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the minister.

THE tabernacle of God is with men; he dwelleth not in temples made with hands. All day its gates are open; and no night shuts the way of mercy.

Come to the river of God in the midst; to him that is athirst he giveth of its living waters freely.

Come to the tree of life, whose leaves are for the healing of the nations.

Blessed be the Lord that draweth nigh: and openeth deep things of the spirit to them that love him.

And calleth the kingdoms of this world to be the kingdoms of our God and of his Christ.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

O LORD GOD, who hast given to us this season of holy rest, that we may renew our souls at the fountain of life,

and by prayer and meditation fortify ourselves for the duties and responsibilities placed upon us, look down, we pray thee, upon thy worshipping children, now before thee.

May we have in remembrance thy works of love and mercy, and feel what that divine goodness must be, which cares for us from week to week, and year to year, and was the same in the time of our fathers, and the old time before them.

Glory be to God, all glory to him, who has created the light, and commanded it to shine on the face of the deep! How much more glorious is that light which shines in upon our minds by the example of patriarchs, the revelations of prophets, and the sweet solace of holy psalms, the instruction of wise proverbs, the experience of faithful lives.

Blessed be his name for this light which no darkness overspreads, this sun which never goes down.

God is the Lord who hath shown us such light.

His mercy is everlasting and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

O thou to whom belong mercies and forgivenesses, receive our humble petitions;

and though we be bound with the chain of our sins, yet in thy great mercy, O Lord, help us, we beseech thee, that we may be set free, and be admitted to the glorious liberty of the children of God.

If thou wert strict to mark iniquity, O Lord, who could stand?

May we so remember our sins as to forsake them; and then do thou remember them no more.

Hide not thine ear at our breathing, at our cry.

Thou, O God, hast pleaded the cause of our souls, thou hast redeemed our life.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: his mercy endureth forever.

Now unto the God of grace, for the might of his spirit and the love of Christ; be glory in the church, throughout all ages, world without end. *Amen.*

PRAYER.

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that thou wouldst be pleased to make thy ways known unto them, thy saving health unto

all nations. More especially, we pray for the good estate of the Church universal; that it may be guided and governed by thy good spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodness all those who are anyways afflicted or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; that it may please thee to comfort and relieve them according to their several necessities; giving them patience under their sufferings, and a happy issue out of all their afflictions. And this we humbly ask as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson.

Psalms for the Day.

The congregation standing.

Prayer.

Hymn by the Choir.

Offertory and Notices.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

The Fifth Service

OPENING SENTENCES

One or more to be read by the minister.

O MAGNIFY the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

Ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them: and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God!

I was glad when they said unto me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord." Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem.

Come walk in his word with songs of joy and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

O GOD most holy, who hast abundantly assured us that, while thou art strict to punish those who continue in their sins,

thou art a gracious and tender Father to the penitent, and wilt open thine ear in compassion to the prayers of all such as with heartfelt shame and sorrow confess their sins before thee: show us, we beseech thee, our transgressions as they truly are.

Pardon us for the evil we have done: judge us not for the good we have left undone; work in us to will and to do thy good pleasure.

Our fathers in their pilgrimage walked by thy guidance, and rested on thy compassion: still to their children be thou the cloud by day, the fire by night.

Where but in thee have we a covert from the storm, or shadow from the heat of life?

In our manifold temptations, thou alone knowest and art ever nigh: in sorrow thy pity revives the fainting soul: in our prosperity and ease, it is thy spirit only that can wean us from our pride and keep us low.

Oh thou sole source of peace and righteousness, take now the veil from every heart, and join us in one communion with thy prophets and saints, on earth and in heaven.

Not of our worthiness, but of thy tender mercy, hear our prayer. *Amen.*

PRAYER.

O GOD unsearchable, why are we so blind to thee, who besettest us behind and before? In the daylight of thy constant mercy, we scarcely lift our eye to the infinite heaven whence it flows. Now screen us with thy hand, O Lord, that we may not wait for the night of sorrow, but here under the shade of holy thought may know in what a world we live. Here let us rest from the weary shows of life, and converse with thee, The Only True. And though thou receivest higher praise than ours, from natures that know thee more and serve thee better, yet tune our spirits and join our voices with theirs; and unite us with the faithful and saintly, there and here, in one light of faith, one beauty of holiness, one repose on thee. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

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OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in

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The Psalms for the Day

The First Day of the Month.

Psalm i.

BLESSED is the man who walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth its fruit in due season: its leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

The wicked are not so; but are like the chaff, which the wind driveth away.

Therefore the wicked cannot stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Psalm iii.

Many there be which say of my soul, "There is no help for him in God."

But thou art a shield, O Lord, about me; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head.

I call upon the Lord aloud, and from his holy hill he answers.

I lay me down and sleep; I awake, for the Lord sustains me.

Salvation belongs unto the Lord. Bestow on thy people thy blessing!

Psalm iv.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness; thou hast enlarged me when I was in distress; have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.

Stand in awe, and sin not; commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.

Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord.

Many are saying: "Nevermore can we see happiness." Show us, O Lord on high, the light of thy countenance.

Thou puttest joy in my heart, more than in time of the harvests of grain and wine.

In peace I lie down, yea, and I slumber; Thou Lord, alone makest me to dwell in safety.

PSALM V.

Give ear to my words, O Lord; consider my meditation.

Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King and my God: for unto thee do I pray.

My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: neither shall evil dwell with thee.

As for me, through thy great goodness I enter thy house, and, facing thy holy temple, fall down before thee in awe.

Lead me, O Lord, in thy righteousness; make thy way straight before my face.

Let those who put their trust in thee rejoice; let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them; let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.

For thou, Lord, wilt bless the righteous: with favor wilt thou compass him as with a shield.

The Second Day of the Month.

PSALM VIII.

O LORD, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! who hast set thy glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou ordained strength, because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars which thou hast ordained:

What is man that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man that thou visitest him?

For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honor.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet.

All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; the fowl of the air and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth.

Psalm ix.

With my whole heart I give thanks to thee, O Lord, I proclaim all thy marvellous works.

I rejoice in thee and am glad; I sing praises to thy name, O thou Most High.

The Lord is enthroned to all eternity, his judgment-seat he hath established, he judges the world with justice.

The Lord is a tower of strength to the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble.

And they that know thy name put their trust in thee; for thou, O Lord, forsakest not those that seek thee.

Sing praises to the Lord which dwelleth in Zion, declare his doings among the people. He forgetteth not the cry of the godly.

Psalm xi.

In thee, Lord, put I my trust; how say ye to my soul, "Flee as a bird to your mountain."

The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord's throne is in heaven: his eyes behold the children of men.

For the righteous Lord loveth righteousness: his countenance doth behold the upright.

The Third Day of the Month.

PSALM XV.

LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, and speaketh the truth in his heart.

He that slandereth not with his tongue, nor doeth evil to his neighbor, nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor.

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned: but he honoreth them that fear the Lord. He that sweareth to his own hurt, and changeth not.

He who putteth not out his money to extortion: nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.

PSALM XVI.

Preserve me, O God! for in thee do I put my trust. The Lord is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup; thou maintainest my lot.

The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me

counsel. My reins also instruct me in the night season.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

For thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave; neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

Thou wilt show me the path of life; in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm xvii.

Hear the right, O Lord, attend unto my cry: give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

Let my sentence come forth from thy presence: let thine eyes behold the things that are equal.

Thou hast proved my heart; thou hast visited me in the night; thou hast tried me, and shalt find nothing; I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

Hold up my goings in thy paths, that my footsteps slip not.

I have called unto thee, for thou wilt hear me, O God: incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

Show thy marvellous loving-kindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee, from those that rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of thine eye: hide me in the shadow of thy wings.

The Fourth Day of the Month.

PSALM XVIII.

I WILL love thee, O Lord my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my deliverer, my God, my strong tower whereunto I flee.

In my distress, I called upon the Lord, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, even into his ears.

He brought me forth also into a large place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me.

The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness, according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.

With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful; with an upright man thou wilt show thyself upright.

With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the froward, thou wilt show thyself froward.

For thou wilt save the afflicted people: but wilt bring down high looks.

For thou wilt light my candle; the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.

As for God his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust him.

Who is God save the Lord? Who is a rock save our God?

It is God that girdeth me with strength, and maketh my way perfect.

Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy right hand hath held me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

The Fifth Day of the Month.

PSALM XIX.

THE heavens declare the glory of God: and the firmament showeth his handywork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where

their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun: which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber and rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul; the testimonies of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple.

The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart, the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever.

The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

Moreover, by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.

Who can understand his errors? Cleanse thou me from secret faults; let them not have dominion over me; then shall I be innocent from the great transgression.

Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Sixth Day of the Month.

PSALM XXIII.

THE Lord is my Shepherd: I shall not want: he maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters.

He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil: my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

PSALM XXIV.

The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.

He hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord? or who shall stand in his holy place?

He that hath clean hands and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully.

He shall receive the blessing of the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Psalm xxv.

Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed; let not mine enemies triumph over me.

Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed; let them be ashamed, which transgress without cause.

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me thy paths. Lead me in thy truth and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation: on thee do I wait all the day.

Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving-kindnesses, for they have been ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth nor my transgressions. According to thy mercy

remember thou me, for thy goodness sake, O Lord.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore will he teach sinners his way.

The meek will he guide in judgment, and the meek will he teach his way.

All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.

What man is he that feareth the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will show them his covenant.

O keep my soul, and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for in thee do I put my trust. Let integrity and uprightness guard me; for I wait on thee.

The Seventh Day of the Month.

PSALM XXVI.

JUDGE me, O Lord; for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in the Lord; therefore, I shall not slide.

Examine me, O Lord, and prove me; try my mind and my heart.

For thy loving-kindness is before mine eyes, and in thy faithfulness do I walk.

I sit not in the company of men who are false, and with dissemblers I have no converse.

I will wash mine hands in innocence: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord.

To chant aloud my thankfulness: and to recount all thy wonders.

O Lord, I love the house where thou dwellest, and the mansion of thy majesty.

Deliver me, and be gracious to me; my foot standeth in an even place; in the congregations will I bless the Lord.

Psalm xxvii.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all my life; to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple in the morning.

For in the time of trouble he hides me in his pavilion; and in the secret of his tabernacle he shelters me; he lifts me up high on a rock.

Therefore, will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice; have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

When thou saidst, "Seek ye my face;" my heart said unto thee, "Thy face, Lord, will I seek."

Hide not thy face from me, and in anger turn not thy servant away: leave me not neither forsake me, thou, O God my Help.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies.

I had fainted unless I had believed to see the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living.

Wait on the Lord, be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

The Eighth Day of the Month.

PSALM XXVIII.

UNTO thee I cry, O Lord, my Rock: be not silent to me; hear the voice of my prayers, when I cry to thee; when I lift up my hands to thy holy shrine.

Blessed be the Lord, for he has heard the voice of my prayers.

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and in him I found help. Therefore, my heart rejoices and I will praise him with my song.

The Lord is the strength of his people, the saving-stronghold of his anointed.

Save thou thy people! Bless thou thy heritage, feed and sustain them for evermore!

Psalm xxix.

Give unto the Lord, ye sons of God, give unto the Lord honor and praise!

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of majesty thundereth, the voice of the Lord resoundeth over great waters.

The voice of the Lord is mighty, the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

The Lord will give strength unto his people; the Lord will bless his people with peace.

PSALM XXXI.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be ashamed: deliver me in thy righteousness.

Be thou to me a rock of refuge, a mountain-fortress to help me.

Thou art my Rock and my Fortress; and for thy name's sake, thou wilt lead me and guide me.

Into thy hand I commit my spirit; thou deliverest me, O Lord, thou God of truth.

My times are in thy hand. Make thy face to shine upon thy servant; save me for thy mercies' sake.

Oh, how great is the goodness, which thou layest up for those who fear thee; which thou showest to those who take refuge with thee, in the presence of the sons of men.

Thou hidest them in the secret of thy presence from the pride of man; thou keepest them secretly in shelter from the pride of tongues.

Blessed be the Lord; he has shown me wonderful favor in time of distress.

O love the Lord, all ye his saints; for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plenti-

fully requiteth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.

The Ninth Day of the Month.

PSALM XXXII.

BLESSED is he whose transgression is forgiven; whose sin is pardoned.

Blessed is the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

For this shall every man that is godly pray unto thee; that in the hour of distress, the rush of great waters may not overtake him.

Thou art my hiding place, thou dost preserve me from trouble; thou dost encompass me with security.

The Lord saith, I will instruct thee, and show thee the way thou must go, I will guide thee with mine eye.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy all ye that are upright in heart.

Psalm xxxiii.

Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous! Songs of praise befit the upright.

Praise the Lord with the harp, play to him with a ten-stringed lute.

Sing unto him a new song: play skilfully with a loud noise, for the word of the Lord is right, his every deed is done in faithfulness.

He loves righteousness and judgment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and all their host by the breath of his mouth.

He gathers the waters of the sea together as in a heap; he layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

For he spoke, and it was done; he commanded and it stood fast!

The purpose of the Lord endures to all eternity: the thoughts of his heart to all generations.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

the people he has chosen for himself as a heritage:

The Lord looks down from heaven: he sees all the sons of men: from his dwelling-place he beholds all the inhabitants of the world.

He who has fashioned the hearts of them all; who considers all their deeds.

Lo, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear him, that hope in his mercy.

Let thy mercy, O Lord, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

The Tenth Day of the Month.

PSALM XXXIV.

I WILL bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me; and delivered me from all my fears.

Look on him, and ye will be radiant with joy: ye will not be ashamed.

This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and helped him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps about those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.

O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him.

The young lions do lack and suffer hunger; but they who seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

What man is he that desireth life, and loveth many days, that he may see good?

Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open unto their cry.

They call and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, and saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but the Lord delivers him out of them all.

The Lord redeems the soul of his servants, and none that trust in him shall be desolate.

The Eleventh Day of the Month.

PSALM XXXVI.

THY mercy, O Lord, is in the heavens, and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.

Thy righteousness is like the great mountains; thy judgments are like the great deep; O Lord, thou preservest man and beast.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God! therefore, the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light we see light.

Continue thy loving-kindness to those who know thee, and thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

Let not the foot of arrogance meet me; nor the hand of wickedness drive me forth.

PSALM XXXVII.

Fret not thyself because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity.

For they quickly wither like the grass, they fade away like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.

Delight thyself also in the Lord, and he shall give thee the desires of thy heart.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he will bring it to pass, and make thy righteousness shine forth as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday.

Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him; fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who bringeth wicked devices to pass.

Cease from anger and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil, for evil-doers shall be rooted out; but they that wait upon the Lord shall inherit the earth.

Yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be; yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

A little that a righteous man hath is better than the riches of many wicked. The wicked borroweth and payeth not again; but the righteous showeth mercy and giveth.

For such as be blessed of him shall inherit

the earth; but they that be cursed of him shall be cut off.

The steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord; and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand.

For the Lord loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints: they are preserved for ever, but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off.

Wait on the Lord, and keep his way; and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off thou shalt see it.

I have seen the wicked in great power, and spreading himself like a cedar: then I passed by, he had vanished; I sought him, but he could not be found.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

The Twelfth Day of the Month.

PSALM XL.

I WAITED patiently for the Lord; and he inclined unto me and heard my cry.

He hath put a new song into my mouth, even praise unto our God; many shall see it, and fear, and shall trust in the Lord.

Blessed is that man, who maketh the Lord his trust; and respecteth not the proud, nor such as turn aside to lies.

Many, O Lord, are thy wonderful works, which thou hast done, and thy thoughts toward us; they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.

Sacrifice and offering thou dost not desire: mine ears hast thou opened; burnt-offering and sin-offering thou dost not require.

I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.

I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, thou knowest.

Thy righteousness I have not hidden in my heart: I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation.

I have not concealed thy loving-kindness and thy truth from the great congregation. Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me, O Lord.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.

PSALM XLI.

Blessed is he that considereth the poor: the Lord will deliver him in trouble.

The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive, and he shall be blessed upon the earth.

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: he will make all his bed in his sickness.

PSALM XLII.

As the hart pants after the water brooks, so pants my soul for thee, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God; when shall I come and appear before God?

My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, where is thy God?

When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me; for I had gone with the multitude; I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God, for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance.

Psalm xliii.

Judge me, O God, and plead my cause: O deliver me from ungodly people, from deceitful and unjust men.

For thou art the God of my strength.

O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me to thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.

Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God, my exceeding joy; yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

The Thirteenth Day of the Month.

Psalm xlvi.

GOD is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

Let the waters thereof roar and be troubled; let the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

The Lord of hosts is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge.

There is a river the streams whereof make

glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God shall help her, and that right early.

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.

Psalm li.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee only have I sinned, and done evil in thy sight; that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward part; and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

For thou desirest not sacrifice, else would I give it; thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalm lv.

Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

Attend unto me, and hear me; I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise.

And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away and be at rest.

Lo, then I would wander far off, and remain in the wilderness.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

PSALM LVI.

What time I am afraid, I will trust in thee. In God I glory; in him I will put my trust; I will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

Thy vows are upon me, O God, I will render praises unto thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living.

The Fourteenth Day of the Month.

PSALM LVII.

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; for my soul trusteth in thee; yea, in the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until calamities be overpast.

I will cry unto God Most High, unto God that recompenses me.

He will send from heaven, and save me from the reproach of him that would devour me.

God shall send forth his mercy and his truth.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; let thy glory be above all the earth.

My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise.

Awake up my soul; awake psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; I will sing unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted above the heavens: let thy glory be above all the earth.

Psalm lxi.

Hear my cry, O God, attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed; lead me to the rock that is higher than I.

For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy.

I will abide in thy tabernacle forever, I will trust in the covert of thy wings.

For thou, O God, hast heard my vows; thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.

Psalm lxii.

Truly my soul waits on God; from him cometh my salvation.

He only is my rock and my salvation ; I shall not be greatly moved.

My soul, wait thou only upon God, for my hope is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation ; he is my defence, I shall not be moved.

Trust in him at all times ; ye people, pour out your heart before him ; God is a refuge for us.

Trust not in oppression, and become not vain in robbery ; if riches increase, set not your heart upon them.

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this, that power belongeth unto God.

Also unto thee, O Lord, belongeth mercy ; for thou renderest to every man according to his work.

The Fifteenth Day of the Month.

PSALM LXIII.

O GOD, thou art my God ; early will I seek thee ; my soul thirsts for thee ; my flesh longs for thee, in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is :

To see thy power and thy glory, as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Because thy loving-kindness is better than life, my lips shall praise thee.

Thus will I bless thee while I live; I will lift up my hands in thy name.

My soul is satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises thee with joyful lips.

When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches; because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings I rejoice.

My soul follows hard after thee, thy right hand upholds me.

Psalm lxv.

Praise waits for thee, O God, in Sion; and unto thee shall the vow be performed.

O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come.

Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts.

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

By terrible things in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation; who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of them that are afar off upon the sea:

Who by thy strength setteth fast the mountains being girded with power; who stilleth the noise of the seas, the noise of the waves, and the tumult of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens; thou makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.

Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it; thou greatly enrichest it with the river of God, which is full of water; thou preparest them corn, when thou hast so provided for it.

Thou waterest the ridges thereof abundantly; thou settlest the furrows thereof; thou makest it soft with showers; thou blessest the springing thereof.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.

The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, they also sing.

The Sixteenth Day of the Month.

PSALM LXVI.

MAKE a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands. Sing forth the honor of his name: make his praise glorious.

Come and see the works of God; he is wonderful in his doings toward the children of men.

He ruleth by his power forever; his eyes behold the nations; let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

O bless our God, ye people, and make the voice of his praise to be heard.

Who holdeth our soul in life, and suffereth not our feet to be moved.

For thou, O God, hast proved us, thou hast tried us as silver is tried.

Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

I cried unto him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.

But verily God hath heard me; he hath attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me.

Psalm lxvii.

God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us.

That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise thee, O God, let all the people praise thee.

O let the nations be glad and sing for joy; for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.

Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

God shall bless us, and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Psalm lxviii.

Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God; yea, let them rejoice exceedingly.

Sing unto God, sing praises to his name; extol him that rideth upon the heavens and rejoice before him.

A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.

God setteth the solitary in families; he bringeth out those who are bound with chains; but the rebellious dwell in a dry land.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.

He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto God the Lord belong the issues from death.

Psalm lxix.

O God, thou knowest my foolishness; and my sins are not hid from thee.

For thy sake I have borne reproach; shame hath covered my face.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is good; turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies.

And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in trouble, hear me speedily.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

Let the heaven and earth praise him, the seas, and everything that moveth therein.

The Seventeenth Day of the Month.

PSALM LXX.

MAKE haste, O God, to deliver me; make haste to help me, O Lord.

Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; and let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.

But I am poor and needy; make haste unto me, O God; thou art my help and my deliverer; O Lord, make no tarrying.

PSALM LXXI.

In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust, let me never be put to confusion.

Deliver me in thy righteousness, and save me, incline thine ear unto me, and help me.

Be thou my strong habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: thou hast given commandment to save me; for thou art my rock and my fortress.

For thou art my hope, O Lord God; thou art my trust from my youth.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me.

I will hope continually, and yet praise thee more and more.

My mouth shall show forth thy righteousness and thy salvation all the day; for I know not the numbers thereof.

I will go in the strength of the Lord God: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.

O God, thou hast taught me from my youth; and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.

And when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shown thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high, who hast done great things; O God, who is like unto thee?

Thou who hast shown me great and sore troubles wilt quicken me again, and bring me up from the depths of the earth.

Thou wilt increase my greatness, and comfort me on every side.

My lips shall greatly rejoice when I sing unto thee; and my soul, which thou hast redeemed.

My tongue also shall talk of thy right-

eousness all the day long; for they are confounded, for they are brought to shame, that seek my hurt.

Psalm lxxiii.

Truly, God is good to Israel, to such as are of a clean heart.

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth; but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.

It is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord God; that I may declare all thy works.

Psalm lxxiv.

The day is thine, the night also is thine; thou hast prepared the light and the sun.

Thou hast set all the borders of the earth; thou hast made summer and winter.

O let not the oppressed return ashamed: let the poor and needy praise thy name.

The Eighteenth Day of the Month.

PSALM LXXVII.

I CRIED unto God with my voice, even unto God with my voice; and he gave ear unto me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my soul refused to be comforted.

I remembered God and was troubled; I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed.

I have considered the days of old, the years of ancient times.

I call to remembrance my songs in the night; I commune with mine own heart, and my spirit maketh diligent search.

Will the Lord cast me off for ever? and will he be favorable no more?

Is his mercy clean gone forever? doth his promise fail for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?

And I said, This is my infirmity; but I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord, surely I will remember thy wonders of old.

I will meditate also of thy work, and talk of thy doings.

Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary; who is so great a God as our God?

Thou art the God that doest wonders; thou hast declared thy strength among the people.

Thy way is in the sea, and thy path in the great waters, and thy footsteps are not known.

PSALM LXXXIV.

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts!

My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Yea, the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house; they will be still praising thee.

Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose heart are the ways of them.

Behold, O God our Shield, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a door-keeper in

the house of my God, than dwell in the tents of wickedness.

For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord will give grace and glory; no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

O Lord God of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Psalm lxxxv.

Shew us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his saints; but let them not turn again to folly.

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that God may dwell in our land.

Mercy and truth are met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Truth shall spring out of the earth; and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Yea, the Lord shall give that which is good; and our land shall yield her increase.

Righteousness shall go before him, and shall set our feet in the way of his steps.

The Nineteenth Day of the Month.

PSALM LXXXVI.

BOW down thine ear, O Lord, hear me; for I am poor and needy.

Be merciful unto me, O Lord; for I cry unto thee daily.

Rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications.

In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee; for thou wilt answer me.

All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Lord; and shall glorify thy name.

For thou art great, and doest wondrous things; thou art God alone.

Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth; direct my heart to fear thy name.

I will praise thee, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify thy name for evermore.

Thou, O Lord, art a God full of compassion, and gracious; long-suffering and plenteous in mercy and truth.

Psalm lxxxix.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever; with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.

For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever; thy faithfulness shalt thou establish in the very heavens.

And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Lord; thy faithfulness also in the congregation of the saints.

O Lord God of hosts, who is a strong Lord like unto thee, or to thy faithfulness round about thee?

Thou rulest the raging of the sea; when the waves thereof arise, thou stillest them.

The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine; as for the world, and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.

Thou hast a mighty arm; strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.

Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne; mercy and truth shall go before thy face.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound; they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance.

In thy name shall they rejoice all the day; and in thy righteousness shall they be exalted.

The Twentieth Day of the Month.

PSALM XC.

LORD, thou hast been our dwelling-place in all generations.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting thou art God.

Thou turnest man to destruction, and sayest, Return, ye children of men.

For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up.

In the morning it flourisheth and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down and withereth.

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength

they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labor and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

O satisfy us early with thy mercy; that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, and the years wherein we have seen evil.

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us: yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalm xci.

He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; my God: in him will I trust.

He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, nor for the arrow that flieth by day;

Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.

Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the Most High, thy habitation:

There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.

They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him; I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honor him.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

The Twenty-first Day of the Month.

PSALM LCII.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High.

To show forth thy loving-kindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night.

For thou, Lord, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the work of thy hands.

O Lord, how great are thy works! and thy thoughts are very deep.

The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree; he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.

Those that be planted in the house of the Lord shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be green and flourishing.

To show that the Lord is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Psalm lciii.

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the deep places of the earth; the strength of the hills is his also.

The sea is his, and he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

O come let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Psalm xcvi.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

Honor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

Give unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the people, give unto the Lord glory and strength.

Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; fear before him all the earth.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar and the fulness thereof.

Let the fields be joyful, and all that is therein; then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the Lord.

For he cometh to judge the earth; he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth.

The Twenty-second Day of the Month.

PSALM CIII.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies.

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide; neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the East is from the West, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children.

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts, ye ministers of his that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul.

The Twenty-third Day of the Month.

PSALM CIV.

BLESS the Lord, O my soul. O Lord, my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honor and majesty.

Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment; who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain.

Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; who maketh the clouds his chariot; who walketh upon the wings of the wind.

Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire.

Who laid the foundations of the earth that it should not be removed for ever.

Thou coveredst it with the deep as with a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.

At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.

They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.

Thou hast set a bound which they may not pass over, that they turn not again to cover the earth.

He sendeth the springs into the valleys, which run among the hills.

They give drink to every beast of the field; the wild asses quench their thirst.

By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, which sing among the branches.

He watereth the hills from his chambers; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.

He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

And wine that maketh glad the heart of man, and oil to make his face to shine, and bread which strengtheneth man's heart.

He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.

Thou makest darkness and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep forth.

Man goeth forth to his work and to his labor until the evening.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all; the earth is full of thy riches.

So is this great and wide sea, wherein are all things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.

These wait all upon thee, that thou givest them they gather; thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.

Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled; thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.

Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth.

The glory of the Lord shall endure forever; the Lord shall rejoice in his works.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

The Twenty-fourth Day of the Month.

PSALM CVII.

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

And gathered them out of the lands, from the East and from the West, from the North and from the South.

They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in.

Hungry and thirsty their soul fainted in them.

Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses.

And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.

Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.

They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters.

These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

For he commandeth and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof.

They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths; their soul is melted because of trouble.

They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end.

Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble; and he bringeth them out of their distresses.

He maketh the storm a calm so that the waves thereof are still.

Then are they glad because they are quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men.

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground.

A fruitful land into barrenness; for the wickedness of them that dwell therein.

He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings.

And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation.

And sow the fields and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase.

He blesseth them also so that they are multiplied greatly, and suffereth not their cattle to decrease.

Again they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow.

He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way.

Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock.

The righteous shall see it, and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

Whoso is wise and will observe these things, even they shall understand the loving-kindness of the Lord.

The Twenty-fifth Day of the Month.

PSALM CVIII.

O GOD, my heart is fixed; I will sing and give praise even with my glory.

Awake psaltery and harp; I myself will awake early.

I will praise thee, O Lord, among the people; and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

For thy mercy is great above the heavens: and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; and thy glory above all the earth.

PSALM CXI.

Praise ye the Lord. I will praise the Lord with my whole heart, in the assembly of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of the Lord are great, sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honorable and glorious; and his righteousness endureth forever.

He hath made his wonderful works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He hath given meat unto them that fear him; he will ever be mindful of his covenant.

He hath showed his people the power of his works, that he may give them the heritage of the heathen.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever; and are done in truth and uprightness.

He sent redemption unto his people; he hath commanded his covenant for ever; holy and reverend is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all they that do his commandments; his praise endureth forever.

Psalm cxii.

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; that delighteth greatly in his commandments.

His seed shall be mighty upon earth; the generation of the upright shall be blessed.

Wealth and riches shall be in his house; and his righteousness endureth forever.

Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness; he is gracious, and full of compassion, and righteous.

A good man showeth favor, and lendeth; he will guide his affairs with discretion.

Surely he shall not be moved for ever; the righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings; his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord.

The Twenty-sixth Day of the Month.

PSALM CXIII.

PRAISE ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like unto the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high:

Who humbleth himself to behold the things that are in heaven, and in the earth!

He raiseth up the poor out of the dust; and lifteth the lowly out of the mire.

That he may set them with princes, even with the princes of his people.

Psalm cxv.

Not unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.

Ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord: he is their help and their shield.

The Lord hath been mindful of us; he will bless us.

He will bless them that fear him, both small and great.

The Lord shall increase you more and more, you and your children.

Ye are blessed of the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

The heaven, even the heavens, are the Lord's; but the earth hath he given to the children of men.

PSALM CXVI.

I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and my supplications.

Because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous; yea, our God is merciful.

The Lord preserveth the simple; I was brought low and he helped me.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul; for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?

I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.

I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the Lord.

The Twenty-seventh Day of the Month.

PSALM CXVII.

O PRAISE the Lord, all ye nations; praise him, all ye people.

For his merciful kindness is great towards us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever.

PSALM CXVIII.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; because his mercy endureth for ever.

Let them now that fear the Lord say, that his mercy endureth for ever.

I called upon the Lord in distress; the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place.

The Lord is on my side, I will not fear; what can man do unto me?

The Lord taketh my part with them that help me; therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than to put confidence in princes.

The Lord is my strength and my song, and is become my salvation.

The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tabernacles of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord doeth valiantly.

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them, and I will praise the Lord.

This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Save now, I beseech thee, O Lord; O Lord, I beseech thee, send now prosperity.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; we have blessed you out of the house of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

Psalm cxix.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way; who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with the whole heart.

They also do no iniquity; they walk in his ways.

Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes!

Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

I will praise thee with uprightness of heart, when I shall have learned thy righteous judgments.

I will keep thy statutes, O forsake me not utterly.

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.

With my whole heart have I sought thee; O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Blessed art thou, O Lord; teach me thy statutes.

With my lips have I declared all the judgments of thy mouth.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies as much as in all riches.

I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways.

I will delight myself in thy statutes; I will not forget thy word.

The Twenty-eighth Day of the Month.

PSALM CXIX.

DEAL bountifully with thy servant, that I may live, and keep thy word.

Open thou mine eyes that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.

My soul breaketh for the longing that it hath unto thy judgments at all times.

Thy testimonies also are my delight and my counsellors.

My soul cleaveth unto the dust; quicken thou me according to thy word.

I have declared thy ways, and thou heardest me; teach me thy statutes.

Make me to understand the way of thy precepts; so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

Remove from me the way of lying; and grant me thy law graciously.

I have chosen the way of truth; thy judgments have I laid before me.

I have stuck unto thy testimonies; O Lord, put me not to shame.

I will run the way of thy commandments, when thou shalt enlarge my heart.

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes, and I shall keep it unto the end.

Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

Behold, I have longed after thy precepts; quicken me in thy righteousness.

Take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; for I have hoped in thy judgments.

So shall I keep thy law continually, for ever and ever.

The Twenty-ninth Day of the Month.

PSALM CXXI.

I WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

The Lord is thy keeper; the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil; he shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in, from this time forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm cxxx.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice; let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.

If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with thee that thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, and in his word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Lord, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty; neither do I exercise myself in great matters, or in things too high for me.

Surely I have behaved and quieted myself, as a child that is weaned of his mother; my soul is even as a weaned child.

Psalm cxxxviii.

I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth; for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.

Though the Lord be high, yet hath he respect unto the lowly; but the proud he knoweth afar off.

The Lord will perfect that which concerneth me; thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever; forsake not the work of thine own hands.

The Thirtieth Day of the Month.

Psalm cxxxix.

O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in the grave, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them:

If I should count them they are more in

number than the sand; when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my thoughts.

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Psalm cxliii.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications; in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.

And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for in thy sight shall no man living be justified.

Cause me to hear thy loving-kindness in the morning: for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the way wherein I should walk: for I lift up my soul unto thee.

Teach me to do thy will; for thou art my God; thy Spirit is good; lead me in the land of uprightness.

The Thirty-first Day of the Month.

PSALM CXLV.

I WILL extol thee, my God, O King; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

Every day will I bless thee: and glorify thy name, for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and highly to be praised: and his greatness is unsearchable.

One generation praises thy works to another; and declares thy mighty acts.

They proclaim the glorious splendor of thy majesty; and on thy wondrous works I meditate.

They speak of the power of thine astonishing acts; I will recount thy mighty deeds.

They utter the memory of thy great goodness; and sing of thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious, and full of compassion; slow to anger, and of great mercy.

The Lord is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works.

All thy works praise thee, O Lord, and thy saints bless thee.

They speak of the glory of thy kingdom; and talk of thy power.

To make known to the sons of men thy mighty acts; and the glorious majesty of thy kingdom.

Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom: and thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholds all that fall; and raises up all that are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon thee, and thou givest them their meat in due season.

Thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways; and gracious in all his works.

The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him; to all that call upon him in truth.

He fulfils the desire of them that fear him; and hears their cries, and helps them.

The Lord preserves all them that love him; but the wicked will he destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

A Memorial Service

To be used on Forefathers' Day, or the Sunday nearest thereto

OPENING SENTENCES

OUR fathers trusted in thee; they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. They cried unto thee and were delivered; they trusted in thee and were not confounded. I will open my mouth in a parable: I will utter dark sayings of old, which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.

We will not hide them from their children, showing to the generations to come the praises of the Lord, and his strength and his wonderful works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers that they should make them known to their children.

That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be

born, who should arise and declare them to their children.

That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

O GOD, who art, and wast, and art to come, before whose face the generations rise and pass away; age after age the living seek thee, and find that of thy faithfulness there is no end. We rejoice that thou hast never left thyself without a witness in the world, but by the lips of wise leaders and deeds of brave daring, hast revealed thy abiding presence among the children of men.

Thou didst guide our fathers in their pilgrimage, and didst protect them from perils by sea and land.

When they fled from oppression and persecution, thou madest a way for them through deep waters, and didst set their feet in a large place.

The winds heard thy voice and were still, and the waves bore the tempest-toss'd to a secure haven.

Thou hast wrought great glory by them, through thy power from the beginning, and a little one has become a thousand, and a small one a strong nation. They inherited the land forever, the branch of thy planting, the work of thy hands, that thou mightest be glorified.

These were noble men and women, whose courage and righteousness hath not been forgotten, and whose names shall be kept in everlasting remembrance.

Their bodies are buried in peace, but their deeds live for evermore. The people will tell of their wisdom, and the congregations will show forth their praise.

Their virtue is immortal, known with God and with men. It weareth a crown, and triumpheth, having gotten the victory, striving for undefiled rewards.

Grant, O Lord, that we the inheritors of their renown, the heirs of their liberty, may possess their courage and patience and fidelity, and the nation which sprang from them may never forget the rock from which it was hewn, but may adore thee for thy mercy, desire thee for thy loving-kindness, who art the Blessed Lord God eternal. *Amen.*

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the Refuge of all that are distressed, grant unto us, that in all trouble of this mortal life we may flee to thy loving-kindness and tender mercy, that so sheltering ourselves therein, the storms of life may pass over us, and not shake thy peace that is within us. Whatsoever this life may bring, grant that it may never take from us the full faith that thou art our Father. Let the prayers of those who cry out of any tribulation come unto thee; and may they rejoice to find that thy mercy is present with them in their afflictions. Let all who are beset by fears, troubled by poverty, worn by illness, all who are wronged and oppressed, the lonely, the suffering, the weary and heavy-laden, take courage from thy servants of old, and be sustained by thy might, consoled by thy tenderness, and cherished by thy fatherly compassion. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson.

PSALM FOR THE DAY.

The congregation standing.

Psalm lx.

WE have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what deeds thou didst in their days, in the times of old.

How thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand, and plantedst them; how thou didst afflict the people, and cast them out.

For they got not the land in possession of their own sword, neither did their own arm save them.

But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst favor unto them.

PSALM LXXX.

Turn us, again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine: and we shall be saved. Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out nations and planted it. Thou preparedst room for it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land.

The hills were covered with the shadow of it, and the boughs thereof were like the goodly cedars.

It sent out its boughs unto the sea, and its branches unto the river.

Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts; look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine:

And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

So will we not go back from thee; quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.

Turn us again, O Lord God of Hosts cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God.

Be honor and glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

Prayer.

Hymn by the Choir.

Offertory and Notices.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

A Service for Christmas Day

OPENING SENTENCES

AND Joseph went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, with Mary his wife.

And so it was, that while they were there, she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds in the same country abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock.

And an angel of the Lord stood by them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people; for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this is the sign unto you; ye

shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,

Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth peace among men in whom he is well-pleased.

And it came to pass when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing that is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child. And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

Luke ii. 4–20.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

FATHER in heaven, who hast chosen for thy temple the spirits of all faithful men, and most of all the soul of Him of humble birth whom thou didst send to be the light, the life, the way, for struggling and suffering humanity, we thank thee for thy choicest gift to mankind. O source of everlasting grace, who hast not left us without thy holy image in our humanity! fill us with the mind that was also in Christ Jesus, who thirsted only to do thy will and finish thy work.

Fix our eyes upon his life and example and make us one with him in patience and pureness, in love, in trust, in divine forgiveness, in entire self-sacrifice.

As disciples of One who was thy grace and truth in our race, and who in his hour of darkness was but closer and dearer to thee, may we see in him thy purpose in us; and in all we think and do and suffer, desire nothing but faithfulness to thy service and nearness to thy love.

Humble us with his lowly surrender unto thee, and incline us, with the simplicity of disciples sitting at his feet, to that good part which shall not be taken from us.

PRAYER.

O THOU whose eye is over all the children of men, and who hast called them by the Prince of Peace into a kingdom not of this world; send forth his spirit speedily into the dark places of our guilt and woe, and arm it with the piercing power of thy grace. May it reach the heart of every oppressor, and make arrogancy dumb before thee. Let it still the noise of our strife and the tumult of the people; put to shame the false idols of every mind: carry faith to the doubting, hope to the fearful, strength to the weak, light to the mourner; and more and more increase the pure in heart who see their God. May age be filled with cheerful hope, and the hand of Christ shed its blessing on the child. Hear us in thy mercy, O Father Everlasting; and bid thy glory dwell among us, while a heart remains to be filled with love and joy and peace. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in

heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson.

RESPONSIVE READING.

The congregation standing.

TO this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.

And the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit ; and so shall ye be my disciples.

This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you.

Holy Father, keep them in thy name which thou hast given me, that they may be one even as we are. Sanctify them in the truth, thy word is truth.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? And he said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment.

And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hangeth all the law and the prophets.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall revile you and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you, falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven; for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Prayer.

Hymn or Anthem.

Offertory and Notices.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

A Service of Thanksgiving

OPENING SENTENCES

AND it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments, which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God shall set thee on high above all nations of the earth.

Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field: blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.

Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in; and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

The Lord shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto: and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Therefore I command thee to do this thing: —

When thou cuttest down thine harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it; it shall be

for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands.

When thou beatest thine olive, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; it shall be for the stranger, for the fatherless and the widow.

When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it afterward; it shall be for the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

O THOU great source of all good! Day by day and year by year are thy blessings renewed to us; and how should our thanksgivings cease? Our fathers rejoiced to sing thy praise; and from their children's offering thou wilt not turn away. We have nothing to bring but thine own gifts; we have nothing to plead but thy long-suffering. Thou art good to us beyond our deserts, and dost reward us beyond our labors. On thy goodness we lie down, like the flock upon the green pastures, and from thy purity we quench our thirst, as from the clear waters!

Thou hast cheered our way with countless

mercies, with many dear affections, and glimpses of solemn beauty and everlasting truth.

O with what glad thanks would we praise thee, Gracious Lord! for health and strength, for guidance and protection, for comfort in sickness, and consolation in sorrow. Thou hast planted us as a nation in quiet resting-places, and stretched out our branches over the sea, and laid upon us a mighty trust.

The world and its fulness are thine: our portion thereof may we hold, in reverence and deep thankfulness.

We thank thee for our native land, its wooded hills and fertile valleys; its broad plains smiling with plenty, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

Make us modest in our prosperity and mindful of our responsibilities.

We thank thee for our liberties and privileges, and all the institutions which thy mercy has bestowed upon us.

May peace and prosperity abide in all our homes, and throughout the length and breadth of the land.

And should adversity befall us, or misfortune overtake us, may the remembrance of thy bountiful goodness give us strength to endure reverses with courage and without complaint.

PRAYER.

O MERCIFUL and ever-bountiful God, as we think of all thy goodness to us, dispose our hearts to remember the needs of the less favored among us. As thou art mindful of us may we carry in our sympathies and affections the needs and sufferings of others, — the sick, the poor, the friendless, who are not ungrateful, but compared with us seem to have so little wherewith to cheer their lives. When we gather in our homes, and enjoy the feast and fellowship of thanksgiving, and our hearts run over with mutual love and gratitude, may our joys be enriched by the satisfaction of having increased our blessings by sharing them with those who in their need are the children of thy love. May the love of Christ constrain us, and melt our hearts to the sympathy which is ever helpful and kind. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is

in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson.

PSALM FOR THE DAY.

The congregation standing.

PRAISE ye the Lord, for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant, and praise is comely.

He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.

He telleth the number of the stars; he calleth them all by their names.

Great is the Lord, and of great power; his understanding is infinite.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving; sing praise upon the harp unto our God.

Who covereth the heavens with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.

He giveth to the beast his food, and to the young ravens which cry.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear him, in those that hope in his mercy.

He hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee.

He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.

He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth, his word runneth very swiftly.

He giveth snow like wool; he scattereth the hoar-frost like ashes.

He casteth forth his ice like morsels; who can stand before his cold?

He sendeth out his word and melteth them; he causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights.

Praise ye him, sun and moon, praise him, all ye stars of light.

Mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars.

Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl.

Kings of the earth and all people; princes and all judges of the earth.

Young men and maidens; old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the Lord; for his name alone is excellent; his glory is above the earth and heaven. Praise ye the Lord.

Prayer.

Hymn or Anthem.

Offertory and Notices.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

A Service for Easter Sunday

OPENING SENTENCES

One or more to be said by the minister.

LO, the winter is past, the snow is over and gone; the flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voices of Spring are heard in our land.

Fear not, O Land; be glad and rejoice: for the Lord will do great things.

Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth her fruit, the fig tree and the vine do yield their strength.

The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand for ever.

The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.

The righteous shall hold on his way: and he that hath clean hands shall be stronger and stronger.

I am the Resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though

he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

RESPONSIVE PRAYER.

ETERNAL God, whose endless life abides, and through all changes is for ever the same, we adore thee amid the signs of thy glorious presence, and the reviving tokens of thy faithfulness. We see thee by day, and know that, though veiled from our sight, thou art with us through the night. All seasons are thine, and thou livest beneath the snows of winter, and in the warm breath of summer days. Thine is death, and thine the life which grows from death, as daylight streams from darkness.

Thou causeth the sun to shine with more fervent heat; and calleth the soft wind from the South; which openeth the frozen earth, and giveth back to us the leaf and flower.

O Lord, how manifold are thy works: in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches; and the things which once spoke to us of fleeting time, now speak to us of everlastingness. Earth and air and sky are vocal with thy praise, and throb with thy abounding life.

As a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed; but thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end.

Help us to realize that since we are made in thy likeness, we also share in thy eternity, and if our earthly house be dissolved, we have a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

In death as in life, in sorrow as in joy, thou art waiting to bless us, if we will but turn to thee.

PRAYER.

UNTO thee, O Source of life and strength, we lift our longing eyes again. Look on us in thy pity, Lord; shine upon us with thy grace; receive us into thine affection. What abiding stay have we in heaven or on earth, but thee alone? To us belong the courses of ceaseless change; we come and go, we live and die, we pass through the light and darkness of this world; and it is not given us to say, "Here will we rest." But around thee, the Centre of all, day and night, summer and winter, joy and sorrow circle continually, and come not nigh thee. Wert thou only great in thine infinitude, Most High! the world would be but

vanity and our life as nothing before thee. But thy love also is infinite and deemeth nothing small which thou hast made; and our souls, created in thine image and visited by thy spirit, thou callest to meet thee face to face.

Lord of our life and Disposer of our lot! Thou hast set us in a world glorious with blessed hopes, but sad with many sins and sorrows. Oh, touch us with thine own compassion, and render us organs of thy eternal power and goodness. Inspire us with a divine faith in the loftiness and eternity of our lives; subdue us to the waiting trust and lowly patience of those who have lived as fellow-workers with thee; and most of all of him, whose victory over death is the prophecy of our triumph, if only like him we lay hold of eternal life. Day by day, remembering that our time is short, may we grow in faith, in self-denial, in charity, in heavenly-mindedness; in the purity by which we may see thee; and the surrender which makes us one with thee. And then, mingle us at last with our loved ones, and with the mighty host of thy redeemed for evermore. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Scripture Lesson.

Then shall be said the following Canticle, the congregation standing.

LO! at length the True Light: light for every man born into the world.

Kindling the faces of them that receive it; till they become the sons of God.

Cease, blinding glories of the heavens: which none could see and live!

Cease, gross darkness of the earth; where the righteous put forth their hands and fear!

The veil between is taken away: and the mingling day-spring comes;

No longer is the dwelling of Eternal Life too bright above; and the perishable world too dark below.

The Son of God hath dwelt among us: full of grace and truth.

The Son of Man hath gone up on high: made perfect through suffering for the holy of holies.

He is our peace: giving us access by one Spirit to the Father;

No more strangers and exiles: but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God.

O Lord Almighty! we had said of thee: "Thy thoughts are not as our thoughts."

But thou hast looked on us with the pity of a man; and raised us to think the thoughts of God.

We had said, "Our righteousness reacheth not unto thee: or to the holy ones of thy presence;"

But thou hast made one family, there and here; one living communion of seen and unseen.

We had said, "Thou layest men fast in everlasting sleep": but lo! they sleep into everlasting waking.

Blessed be the Lord God, that giveth beauty for ashes; and the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Now unto the God of grace: for the might of his spirit and the love of Christ:

Be glory in the church, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

Prayer.

Hymn or Anthem.

Offertory and Notices.

Sermon.

Hymn.

Benediction.

The Baptism of Children

THE design of receiving infants by baptism into the Church of Christ is to remind parents of their duty to them in their innocent and helpless age. Children of God by birth, it is meet that they should be welcomed into the Church of Christ and brought up under the teaching of the New Testament, so that their dispositions and habits may be early moulded under the benign influences of the gospel. Their religious education will vitally affect their characters, and fit them for the duties and responsibilities of later life.

Then shall the minister read one or more of the sentences following.

HEAR, O Israel, the Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words which I command thee this day shall be upon thine heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine

house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou risest up.

The promise is unto you and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord your God shall call.

And Jesus took a young child, and set him in the midst of them, and when he had taken him in his arms, he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive one of such children in my name receiveth me; and whosoever shall receive me, receiveth not me, but him that sent me.

Take heed that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.

And they brought young children to him that he should touch them, and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them: Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily, I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

Address to parents or sponsors presenting the child.

To be said by the minister.

YOU present this child for Christian baptism, in token of your belief that he [she] is God's child, and of your desire to so nurture and train him [her] that he [she] may ever seek to know and to do God's holy will.

Is this your purpose?

Answer. It is.

Then the minister, taking the child in his arms, shall say,

——, I baptize thee, in the name of God our Heavenly Father, and into the faith and fellowship of Jesus Christ, and may the Lord defend, preserve, and bless thee, to thy life's end. *Amen.*

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY and Everlasting God, who hast promised unto us that thou wilt not only be our God, but the God and Father of our children, we welcome this child into the bosom of thy Church, into the service of Christ, and into the fellowship of those who love thee, and strive to do thy

will; grant unto him [her] thy best blessings of body and soul, that he [she] may pass safely through the temptations and trials of this life, and have part with all thy faithful children in the blessedness of the life eternal. *Amen.*

ENDUE these thy servants, O God, with wisdom from above, that they may tenderly and faithfully educate and preserve this child whom we now bless in thy name. Help them in thine own way to consecrate to thy service this gift of thy goodness, so that in years to come it may rise up and call them blessed. Counsel them in all their perplexities, sustain them in the exercise of their duties and the discharge of their responsibilities, and grant that theirs may be the joy of seeing their child grow up in strength, and wisdom, and grace, obedient to thy will, and a faithful disciple of thy Son. *Amen.*

Benediction.

The Marriage Service

The minister should first satisfy himself that he is authorized by the laws of the State to solemnize the marriage, and that the requirements of the statutes have been complied with by the persons to be married.

When the persons to be married are assembled with their friends, and are standing before the minister, the woman at the left hand of the man, the minister shall say to the congregation:

DEARLY beloved, we are gathered together here in the sight of God, and in the face of this company, to join together this man and this woman in the holy bonds of matrimony; which is an estate ordained of God, and therefore is not by any to be entered upon lightly or unadvisedly; but reverently, discreetly, soberly, and in the fear of God. Into this holy estate these two persons now desire to enter. If any man can show just cause why they may not lawfully be joined together, let him now speak, or else hereafter forever hold his peace.

Then, also, speaking to the persons who are to be married, he may say:

I REQUIRE and charge you both, that, if either of you know any impediment why ye may not be lawfully united in matrimony, ye do now confess it. For be ye well assured that so many as are joined together otherwise than God's word doth allow are not joined together by God, neither is their marriage lawful.

If no impediment be alleged, then shall the minister say unto the man, addressing him by his Christian name:

M., wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife, to live together after God's ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love her, comfort her, honor and keep her, in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto her, so long as ye both shall live?

The man shall answer:

I will.

Then shall the minister say unto the woman, addressing her by her Christian name:

N., wilt thou have this man to be thy wedded husband, to live together after God's

ordinance, in the holy estate of matrimony? Wilt thou love him, comfort him, honor and keep him, in sickness and in health, in sorrow and in joy; and, forsaking all other, keep thee only unto him, so long as ye both shall live?

The woman shall answer:

I will.

Then shall the minister say:

Who giveth this woman to be married to this man?

Then the minister, receiving the woman at her father's hands, shall cause the man, with right hand, to take the woman by her right hand, and to say after him as follows:

I, M., take thee, N., to my wedded wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall the woman likewise say after the minister:

I, N., take thee, M., to my wedded husband, to have and to hold, from this day

forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part, according to God's holy ordinance; and thereto I plight thee my troth.

Then shall they loose their hands, and the man shall give unto the woman a ring, and the minister, taking the ring, shall deliver it unto the man to put it upon the fourth finger of the woman's left hand, and the man, holding the ring there, and taught by the minister, shall say:

With this ring I thee wed; and to thee only do I promise to keep myself, so long as we both shall live. *Amen.*

Then shall the minister speak unto the people:

FORASMUCH as M. and N. have consented together in wedlock, and have witnessed the same before God and this company, and thereto have given and pledged their troth each to the other, and have declared the same [by giving and receiving a ring, and] by joining hands: I do now pronounce that they be husband and wife; and those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.

Then the minister shall say:

Let us pray.

ALMIGHTY and Eternal God, Creator and Preserver of all mankind, send, we beseech thee, thy benediction upon these thy servants whom we now bless in thy name. May their hearts be united in the bonds of love and purity; may they share each other's joys and bear each other's burdens, so fulfilling the law of Christ. Enable them so faithfully to discharge the duties which belong to the condition into which they have entered, that they and all who may be committed to their care, may meet together at last in that world of perfect felicity which thou hast revealed to us by Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Or this:

ALMIGHTY God, who hast put it into the hearts of these thy servants to live together in holy wedlock, grant unto them, we pray, thy continual protection and defence. Help them to fulfil their solemn vows, and to live together in holiness, in mutual love, and in the ways of thy commandments. Bless them, we beseech thee,

from thy holy habitation, that not in word only, or in outward form, they may be united, but by thy presence in their hearts they may be made one spirit in thee. *Amen.*

Then shall he add this:

BLESSING.

THE Lord God Almighty bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that in the world to come ye may have life everlasting. *Amen.*

Or this:

THE Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

The Communion Service

OPENING SENTENCES

BLESSED are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

I am the vine, ye are the branches: he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

By one spirit are we baptized into one body, and we have been all made to drink into one spirit.

Being many, we are one, being partakers of one bread.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

AN EXHORTATION.

DEARLY Beloved, in tender memory of Jesus Christ, we unite in this service of commemoration. It is simply a memorial of reverence and affection, such as loyal disciples delight to offer to a master. The cup of blessing which we bless is the symbol of spiritual fealty, and the bread we break is the emblem of that fellowship of strength and service, which is the foundation of Christianity, seeing that we, who are many, are one body, for we are partakers of the one bread. The ancient institution of the Lord's Supper has no sacerdotal or doctrinal significance to us, neither is it an exclusive communion. The bread we eat, and the wine we drink, and the act of eating and drinking together in the church, express the attitude in which we stand to Jesus Christ, who is our Head, and the open relation of mutual forbearance and affection by which minister and people are bound together in a Christian community.

Let not the intervening centuries dim our gratitude or weaken our reverence for him, whose wondrous life and teaching have moulded the character and history of man-

kind for centuries, and one of whose latest wishes, uttered at the supper with his disciples, in the guest-chamber at Jerusalem, was, Do this in remembrance of me.

Then shall the minister read as follows:

I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, how that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body which is for you; this do in remembrance of me. In like manner also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

Then shall the minister deliver the bread, saying:

As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he that eateth me, he also shall live because of me. This is the bread which came down from heaven; not as the fathers did eat bread and died; he that eateth this bread shall live for ever. Let us take and eat this bread as the earthly symbol of a spiritual life, and in remembrance of Jesus Christ.

Then shall the minister deliver the wine, saying:

Ye who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to follow the example of Jesus Christ, draw near with faith, and take this wine to the strengthening and refreshing of your souls, and in remembrance of your Master.

Then shall be said the following prayer, alternately by minister and people.

O GOD, Father of our spirits, we thank thee that in Jesus Christ, we who were afar off are made nigh, and are no longer strangers, but fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God.

Help us to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called, with all lowliness and meekness, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

We remember in this our communion, and beseech thee to bless the multitudes of every name who are joined with us in our household of faith, our brethren in Christ throughout the world.

Wilt thou in mercy remember and bless them all, that there may be one fold and one shepherd.

We remember those who in ages past have gathered around this table of the Lord, who have fallen asleep in Christ, in the joyful hope of the blessed life to come.

Make us to feel that we are one with them in the faith of the gospel and its promises.

We remember with affection the dear friends who have been with us in former days, but have gone from our earthly communion. We would keep our love for them unwasted and unchanged till we meet again in a better world.

May we so live now that our souls may be in fellowship with their glorified spirits.

We remember the fathers of our faith from the beginning, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and saints, all who have wrought righteousness, and walked with thee.

May we be one with them in faith and holiness and heirs of their blessings.

We remember all who are in sickness and distress, absent from home, and in foreign lands; and we commend them to thy protection, comfort, and grace.

We remember in charity all who have done or wished us ill; forgiving our enemies, as we wish to be forgiven of thee.

We remember the whole family of man,

our brethren, beseeching thee that they may dwell together in peace and good-will, and so adorn the gospel of Jesus Christ.

That the ends of the earth may see the salvation of our God.

We pray for the young, that they may be under the watchful care of thy love, may find true and wise teachers and friends, ever ready to counsel and to help, and may grow up in the fear of the Lord, and the love of all that is worthy and good.

And unto us, O Lord, vouchsafe thy guidance; that as Christians, we may live before thee in righteousness and love and in the joy of thy holy spirit.

Accept, O Father, Ever-blessed God, these our supplications, keep us always in thy love, and let our offerings find favor in thy sight. We ask these things as disciples of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

To be said by the minister and people.

OUR Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

BENEDICTION.

AND now may the Lord God Almighty bless, preserve, and keep us. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace, now and forever more. *Amen.*

The Burial Service

OPENING SENTENCES

I AM the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. *John xi. 25, 26.*

I know that my Redeemer liveth; and that he shall stand at last upon the earth; and after my skin hath been thus destroyed; yet from my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold and not another. *Job xix. 25.*

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord. *Job i. 21.*

Hear the comforting words of our Lord Jesus Christ: "Let not your heart be troubled; ye believe in God, believe also in me.

"In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you; for I go to prepare a place for you.

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you to myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

"I will not leave you comfortless; I come unto you.

"Yet a little while and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me; because I live ye shall live also." *John xiv.* 1, 2, 3, 18, 19.

Hymn or Anthem.

INVOCATION.

O GOD of eternal light, who liest behind all shadows, and art constant through every change; though clouds sometimes fall between us and thee, we know that above them there is deep serenity and unfading day. We gather under the shadow of affliction, to meditate, in the presence of death, upon life and immortality. Direct our thoughts that we may see things as they truly are: sanctify our griefs until through present loss we may discern eternal gain. The darkness and the light are both alike to thee, and thou dwellest not in the light alone. Make them both alike to us, who trust in thee, so that we may not fear and tremble, but in deepest midnight see the

dawning of a happier day. May strength and hope and comfort enter the hearts thy hand has touched. Give them beauty for ashes, joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. Look upon them in mercy, and help them to feel that in thy holy keeping are the living and the dead. From every grief that burdens our spirits, from the sense of solitude and loss, from the doubting and fainting of the soul in its trouble, we turn to thee. Be thou our Strength and Deliverer; in our great need be thou our Helper; pour thy consolations into our hearts, and let the gospel of thy beloved Son minister comfort and peace to our souls. *Amen.*

SCRIPTURE SELECTIONS.

MAN dieth and wasteth away; thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass.

None can by any means redeem his brother nor give to God a ransom for him that he should live forever.

Thou sayest, Return, ye children of men, for a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore, will not we fear though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and he knoweth them that trust in him.

Fear thou not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed, for I am thy God.

I will strengthen thee; — yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

Hear me, O Lord, for thy loving-kindness is good; turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies, and hide not thy face from thy servant, for I am in trouble; hear me speedily, for the waters are come in unto my soul.

Verily, God hath heard me, he hath attended unto the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God, who hath not turned away my prayer, nor his mercy from me,

but though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort, who comforteth us in our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth; — yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat.

For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of water; and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

And they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they shall need no candle, neither light of

the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light; and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

And he said unto me, Write, for these things are faithful and true.

Wherefore, comfort one another with these words.

Hymn.

PRAYER.

O LORD GOD of heaven and earth, who fillest the earth with thy goodness and the heavens with thy glory, we rejoice that amid hopes which so often deceive us, and expectations which perish, we have still our faith in thee. Thou art from everlasting to everlasting, and thy years fail not. Our fathers thou hast called to thy higher praise, and gathered to their fathers must all the children be. Not long shall we feel after thee in these courts below; not long wilt thou hearken to these faltering lips, but thou art eternally the same. Through

all the clouds of earthly grief and sorrow, thy comforting Spirit comes down to us with healing influence, soothing our wounds, and shedding the sacrament of consolation on eyes that weep, and hearts that mourn. Thou givest, and thou takest away, and if in death we cling too fondly to our own, have mercy, Lord, for thou hast fashioned our hearts for love and for life. We know that they who go from us to thee are safe in thy keeping, and there we leave them in sacred trust. They share with thee the eternal life, and no evil can befall them. Into thy loving hands we commit their spirits, tenderly, trustfully, and without murmur or complaint. Do with them as thou wilt, purge their souls from all evil, and perfect them for us, and for thyself.

O God, thou Helper of the helpless and hope of the despairing, we thank thee for the deep assurance of the eternal life, which brightens the hour of death. We trust the radiant light of our purest affection, and the clear vision of prophets and saints, and most of all the hopes and promises of the gospel; and when we are bowed down with grief and the shadow of the tomb hangs over us, we turn from the perishable world and

all its darkness, to the dayspring from on high.

Comfort, we pray thee, the hearts of this sorrowing family. Grant that thy afflicted children may not weep as those without hope, nor fret at thy will, but wisely read the lessons of thy providence, and meekly resign themselves to thee.

Hear us, gracious Father, in this the hour of sorrow, and temper all our souls to the burdens they must bear. We ask these mercies as thy children, and as disciples of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation ; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Hymn.

Address.

Benediction.

Service at the Grave

MAN that is born of a woman hath but a short time to live. He cometh up and is cut down like a flower; he fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one stay. In the midst of life we are in death; of whom may we seek for succor, but of thee, O Lord, in whom our souls do rest in hope?

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me: thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou wilt not leave my soul in the grave: neither wilt thou suffer thine holy one to see corruption.

Forasmuch as it hath pleased Almighty God to take unto himself the soul of his child, we therefore commit the body to the ground, earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust, in sure and certain hope that all who have borne the image of the earthly will also bear the image of the heavenly.

PRAYER.

ALMIGHTY God, with whom do live the spirits of them that depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, be thou blessed both now and evermore, for all that thou doest is good. At the open grave we thank thee for the assurance of eternal life, and for the faith that after this night of sorrow, a glorious morning will appear, upon whose cloudless skies the shadows of doubt and fear will never rest. Let this immortal hope sustain and comfort thy bereaved children in their affliction, so that while they are pilgrims and sojourners here, as all their fathers were, they may set their affections upon things above.

O Lord most high, with thy whole church throughout the world, we give thee thanks for all thy faithful servants who, having witnessed a good confession, have left the light of their example to shine upon the earth. Blessed be the memory of all true and faithful souls in our hearts. Teach us, who now dwell upon the earth, to imitate their lives, to profit by their experience, to emulate their

virtues, as they have followed Christ and thee.

Hear, accept, and answer these our prayers which we would offer to thee in the faith of him who brought life and immortality to light in his gospel. *Amen.*

BENEDICTION.

NOW unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish, in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, before all time, and now, and for evermore. *Amen.*

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